

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
WESTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN  
SOUTHERN DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

CASE NO. 1:97-CR-82

v.

HON. ROBERT HOLMES BELL

RODNEY ATKINSON,

Defendant.

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**MEMORANDUM OPINION AND ORDER**

This matter is before the Court on defendant's Motion for Modification or Reduction of Sentence Pursuant to 18 U.S.C. §3582(c)(2) (docket #1007). Based on a review of defendant's motion, the Sentence Modification Report, response by the Government, and the original criminal file, the Court has determined that the motion should be denied for the following reason(s):

At the time of sentencing on May 1, 1998, the Court found that defendant was involved in at least 1.5 kilograms of cocaine base. The presentence report indicated defendant's criminal activity involved at least 11 kilograms of cocaine base. Amendment 706 of the Sentencing Guidelines lowered the base offense level for 1.5 kilograms of cocaine base to level 36. Presumably, had Amendment 706 been in affect at the time of sentencing, the Court would have found defendant responsible for at least 4.5 kilograms or more of

cocaine base, found at level 38. Consequently, Amendment 706 does not result in lowering the defendant's applicable guideline range. Accordingly, defendant's motion is hereby **DENIED**.

Date: April 1, 2011

/s/ Robert Holmes Bell  
ROBERT HOLMES BELL  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE